

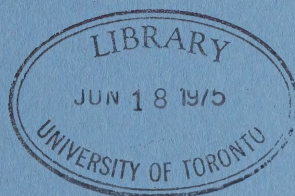
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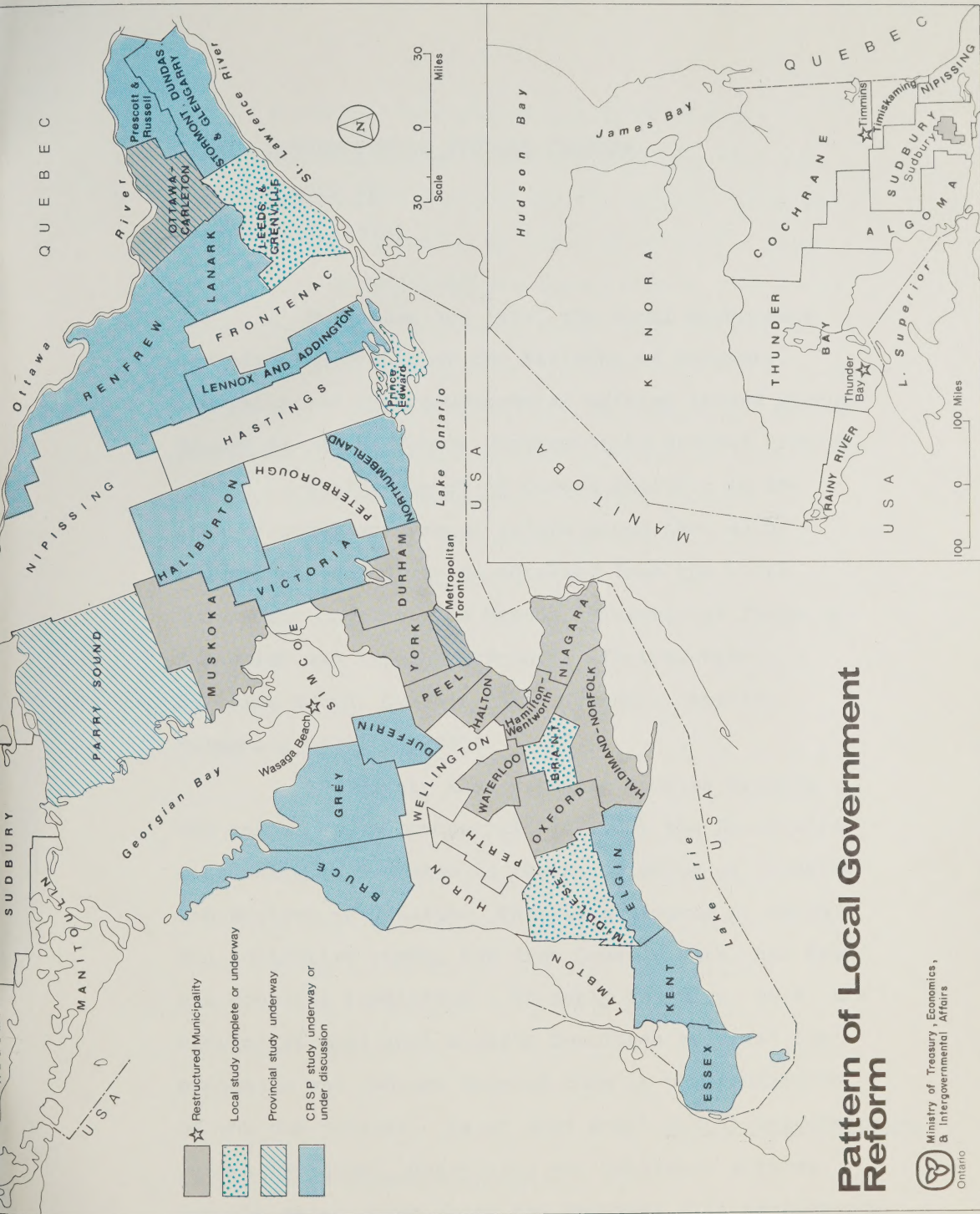
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COUNTY RESTRUCTURING STUDIES PROGRAM

STATUS REPORT #2

(January 10, 1975)

On August 30, 1974, the Local Government Organization Branch of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs issued Status Report #1 on the County Restructuring Studies Program.

Status Report #2 covers activity in the area of local government reform since that date. Additional copies may be obtained from the Local Government Organization Branch, Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, Frost Building North, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario. Telephone (416) 965-6934.

The County Restructuring Studies Program was announced on October 29, 1973, by the Honourable John White in a speech to the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario. This is a program in which the initiative comes, not from Queen's Park, but from the counties themselves. In early February, 1974, the Provincial Municipal Liaison Committee endorsed the proposals and Cabinet adopted them as the foundation of the new program. Later that month County Restructuring Studies Program: Guidelines was published setting out the terms under which the Province will participate in a study.

In brief, the program provides that the province will assist any county which, along with the cities or separated towns that may be within the county, wishes to study its system of local government. When a county and its separated municipalities by resolution request a county restructuring study, ministry officials work with them to develop terms of reference for a study and to retain a study commissioner to undertake the study. The commissioner, usually a person with broad experience in local government, is then directed to prepare a report after an extensive period of research and intensive public participation.

On completion of the study the commissioner submits his final report to the municipalities who in turn give it wide circulation. At that point the initiative rests with the municipalities as to whether they wish to ask the province to proceed with legislation to restructure local government in the county.

The Province's role throughout the study is that of an equal partner. In addition to financing half the cost of the study (up to \$50,000) the Province provides a liaison officer to ensure that information flows freely between the Province and the commissioner and between the Province and the municipality. The details of the program are contained in County Restructuring Studies: Guidelines, February, 1974,

Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs which publication is available through the Ontario Government Bookstore, or by writing the Local Government Organization Branch, 4th Floor, Frost Building North, Queen's Park.

PROGRESS TO JANUARY 10, 1975

BRUCE COUNTY

One of the first to get underway, the Bruce County Study under Commissioner Ed Cornies is well into the research phase. Mr. Cornies and his director of research, Ted Halwa, have had several meetings with both local councils and community groups. They expect to complete a research report by late January, 1975 and a final report by July of 1976.

DUFFERIN COUNTY

On December 2, 1974 the County of Dufferin signed an agreement to retain Eric Hardy as their study commissioner. Mr. Hardy has completed a study prospectus and it has been approved by the County and the Province. Mr. Hardy is now commencing his research phase and expects to complete a final report by midsummer, 1976.

ELGIN COUNTY

The County Council, the City of St. Thomas and the Province have agreed to retain Steven Janes of MacLaren Planning to undertake a county restructuring study. The prospectus which Mr. Janes has recently completed has just received approval. His final report is due in March of 1976.

ESSEX COUNTY

The first of the C.R.S.P. studies, the Essex-Windsor Study of Peter Silcox and research director, John Jackson, is well underway. Having met with a cross-section of groups and municipalities, Dr. Silcox is now completing his preliminary research. A final report is expected in July of 1976.

GREY COUNTY

Grey County Council and the Council for the City of Owen Sound have agreed to undertake a C.R.S.P. study and have selected Don Paterson as their commissioner. Several details of the agreement have recently been worked out, and Mr. Paterson is expected to complete a prospectus in a matter of weeks and a final report late in 1976.

HALIBURTON COUNTY

The Haliburton County Council have recently passed a resolution endorsing a county restructuring study. Discussions have commenced as to prospective commissioners.

KENT COUNTY

Kent County Council and the City of Chatham have agreed to retain Lionel Feldman as the commissioner for their restructuring study. Once the study agreement has been finalized, work on the prospectus will commence.

LANARK COUNTY

Don King and director of research, Daniel Mayo, have been retained by the County and the Separated Town of Smiths Falls to undertake a county restructuring study. The prospectus has been finalized and approved. A final report is expected in June of 1976.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON

The County Council recently selected Dr. Richard Tindal as commissioner for their study. A study agreement is being drawn up which, if approved, could lead to a prospectus early in February of 1975.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

The County is proceeding to choose a commissioner for a restructuring study in Northumberland County. A study prospectus will then be completed. Approval of the prospectus should lead to a November 1975 completion date for the report.

PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL

The Council of the United Counties have retained Goldyn Sunderland as their study commissioner. The Minister is presently examining the agreement between Mr. Sunderland and the United Counties. The prospectus will be completed by late January 1975 and a final report by June of 1976.

RENFREW COUNTY

The commissioner appointed by the County and the City of Pembroke to undertake their study is Eric Hardy. Mr. Hardy has completed his study prospectus and has received approval of it. A final report is expected by the spring of 1976.

STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

The United Counties and the City of Cornwall have had preliminary discussions with the Province concerning the possibility of a C.R.S.P. study. No decision has been reached.

VICTORIA COUNTY

The study commissioner retained by Victoria County is Ted Sims. His prospectus is complete and has been approved. Well into the main research phase of the study, Mr. Sims expects to publish his final report by June of 1976.

OTHER STUDIES

Several other areas in the Province are presently involved in studies other than county restructuring studies. These studies constitute fundamental examinations of local government structure and are being conducted with or without provincial assistance. A brief outline of their progress follows:

BRANT COUNTY

The last of the Regional Government Studies funded by the Province was completed by Howard Smith for Brant County and the City of Brantford in January of 1974. In his report, Mr. Smith recommended a two-tier regional structure encompassing all of the county and city. A joint committee has been formed to study the report and develop recommendations. Copies of Mr. Smith's report are available from the Office of Information Services, Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, Frost Building South, Queen's Park. Telephone (416) 965-7171.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

A series of reports concerning the United Counties but excluding their three separated municipalities has recently been completed by Dr. Richard Tindal. The reports describe a series of alternatives while attempting to develop a schedule for gradual reform.

County Council have the reports under consideration and are discussing appropriate action.

METROPOLITAN TORONTO

The Honourable John Robarts' one man commission on Metropolitan Toronto is well underway. Mr. Robarts and his senior assistants, Richard Rohmer, Ken Cameron, and Sharon Cohen, expect to complete their study by mid 1976.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The County of Middlesex commissioned a study of the county which excluded the City of London. Brian Turnbull acted as the study consultant. His reports have been submitted to the council and are presently under discussion.

OTTAWA-CARLETON

Dr. Henry Mayo has been commissioned by the Province to undertake a full review of the local government system in Ottawa-Carleton. The study has been underway now for several months. Dr. Mayo and his research assistant, Mr. Clinton Archibald, expect to release a final report by June of 1976.

DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

A study of local government and planning in the Territorial District was initiated in late 1973 by T.E.I.A. at the request of the Parry Sound District Municipal Association. It is being conducted by an interministerial study group co-ordinated by David Martin of the Local Government Organization Branch. Municipal and local group input occurs through the reports and bi-monthly open meetings of six area committees.

The study's first report, "Analysis of Planning Issues, Problems and Needs in the District of Parry Sound", was prepared in July 1974 by Proctor and Redfern Limited, Consulting Engineers and Planners. The research report and District Atlas are to be published in March 1975, with the draft final report on local government organization expected by July 1975.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

For the past two years, Prince Edward County has been discussing the possibility of a one-tier system. Early in 1974, the Province acceded to the request of the County and published a proposal for a one-tier county. A series of public meetings ensued whereupon the county decided that more time was required to allow full public discussion of the concept. The Province was, therefore, asked to delay implementation. Local discussion continues.

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